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Date: March 28, 2016

Chris Gansberg Jr.
2277 Foothill Rd.
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Dear Mr. Gansberg,

This letter will document the Annual Operating Instructions meeting held between Chris Gansberg Jr. and the USFS, on March 28, 2016, and serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2016 grazing season on the Fredricksburg and Millberry C&H Allotments. The use permitted in your Term Grazing Permit is listed below along with the authorized use for the 2016 season:

PERMITTED USE:

<i>Allotment</i>	<i>Number of Livestock</i>	<i>Season of Use</i>
Fredricksburg C&H	6(8) horses	5/1-5/31
Millberry C&H	15(60) cows/calves	6/1-7/31

AUTHORIZED USE:

<i>Allotment</i>	<i>Number of Livestock</i>	<i>Season of Use</i>	<i>Days</i>
Fredricksburg C&H	6(8) horses	5/1-5/31	31 Days
Millberry C&H	Nonuse	Nonuse	N/A

Fredricksburg Allotment: The on-off provision permits the allotment to be stocked with 8 horses from 5/1-5/31 on Forest Service administered land and land controlled by you, which together form a natural grazing unit. You have indicated that you will be turning out 8 horses on Fredericksburg. The use by these livestock will be approximately 6 horses on National Forest System administered lands.

Millberry Allotment: The on-off provision permits the allotment to be stocked with 60 cow/calf pairs from 6/1-7/31 on Forest Service administered land and land controlled by you (leased), which together form a natural grazing unit. Nonuse for permittee convenience is approved for the 2016 grazing season on this allotment.

Actual turn on date will depend on range readiness. For the purpose of livestock accountability, contact the district office five to seven days prior to turnout and when you make unit moves. Please keep us posted about activities and conditions of the allotment.



The schedule of use are flexible as long as they are within the permitted use parameters, but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made to the above dates. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

Salt must be placed at least ¼ mile from water, (springs, seeps, and streams), roads, and trails. If you have questions about the placement of salt, contact Courtney in my office and she will locate suitable sites with your input. Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water and from roads and trails used by the public. All garbage associated with managing the allotments must be removed from National Forest system lands.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock is concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds. It is strongly recommended that all livestock entering the National Forest be fed **Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage** for at least 3 days prior to entering the Forest.

ALLOWABLE USE:

Fredricksburg C&H:

Upland sites:

- * Utilization on grasses is not to exceed 40%, and 30% on shrubs.

It is your responsibility to monitor utilization and ensure that the allowable use standards are not exceeded. You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and to move or remove livestock from the allotment to prevent exceeding these standards. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with the allowable use standards. Because we do not know the ecological condition of every meadow located within the allotment, please err on the side of caution when monitoring utilization on riparian species.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in your permit must be maintained to standards listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit prior to livestock entering the allotments. If an improvement is inaccessible prior to the on date, you must notify staff in my office prior to livestock entry into the allotment.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT:

Forms for recording your actual use and range improvement maintenance costs are included with this plan. Please complete and return the forms by December 31, 2016.

If you see a wildfire, please contact the Minden Interagency Dispatch at (775) 883-5995.

The grazing fee has increased by .42 cents; it is now \$2.11 per head month.

Only cattle and horse with the letter C on the right hip are authorized to graze on the Fredricksburg C&H Allotment.

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. As a reminder the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay your grazing fees. The Forest Service is requesting that permittees schedule their AOI meeting a minimum of 35 days prior to their earliest on date to provide adequate time to plan for the upcoming grazing season.

OTHER:

If you have any questions regarding these instructions or any aspect of grazing on the National Forest, please contact our Range Staff, Courtney Ghiglieri at (775) 884-8150, or cghiglieri@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Irene Davidson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

IRENE DAVIDSON
District Ranger

